

3-5-17 – First Funnel was Friday, March 3 – the second funnel is Friday, March 31

## Legislation As It Relates to Legislative Priorities

1. Remove the levy cap –

**HF 342 – same as HF 343?**

**HF 343, SF 365**– *Establishes, for FY 2017-2018 and subsequent fiscal years, a statewide standard property tax levy for mental health and disability services based upon the per capita expenditure target of \$47.28 established in FY 2013-2014 multiplied by the county's general population as determined by the state for the same fiscal year. Takes effect upon enactment.*

**Exempt from the funnel – Ways & Means Committee - will reappear in appropriations bill?**

2. Children's MH crisis system planning grants – no legislation introduced.

3. Stop the overuse of step therapy and fail first protocols

**House Floor and Senate Floor HF 233 and SF 436 – Step Therapy Protocols**

4. Law enforcement and first responder training on mental health, a continuum of care outside of the correctional system – no legislation introduced yet

5. Bipartisan Mental Health Working Group has been established

Leaders in the House are Kevin Koester (R) and John Forbes (D)

Leaders in the Senate are Liz Mathis (D) and Mark Segebart (R)

6. Critical shortage of mental health professionals

**House Floor HF 393 - IDPH Programs and Activities** - *Makes changes to several programs and activities administered by the Department of Public Health, including: program funding flexibility and reporting; medical home and the patient-centered health advisory council; workforce programming; unfunded or outdated program provisions; Iowa health information network; and organized delivery systems.*

**Died -SF 214 and HF 275 – Health Workforce Recruitment and Retention**

*Directs IDPH to lead a coordinated effort to address recruitment and retention of direct care professionals and other health care professionals. Directs IDPH and public/private stakeholders to make recommendations including: (1) expanding existing recruitment and retention efforts for direct care professionals; (2) leading an initiative to inform policy and to identify and implement strategies to increase compensation and provide benefits for health care workers; and (3) retaining existing successful workforce initiatives. **Sent email HR committee 2/25***

**Both Subcommittees have met – add amendments to another bill for staff and money? Could be part of an appropriations bill**

**Senate Ways & Means - SF 191 – Income Tax Exemption**- *Provides an income tax exemption for individuals who work for a nonprofit, tax-exempt business that provides services to disabled individuals. Takes effect January 1, 2018, and applies to tax years beginning on or after that date.*

**Senate Floor - SF 285 – Psychiatric Practitioner Loan Repayment Program** - *Psychiatric practitioners are eligible for loan repayments for not more than four consecutive year, and requires recipients to practice with a qualified provider for at least four consecutive years. Annual repayment amount is based on the amount of outstanding loans and may not exceed \$25,000 for each completed full-time work year.*

## House Floor HSB 156 – MH/SA/Disability funding

~~Division 1 – It makes core and core plus services mandatory for regions to implement – Good.~~

~~Division 2 – As of 2022 – if regions have excess funds on hand (in excess of 25% of the budget) – they are required to send the excess to the state general fund. County property tax funds will be going to the state general fund. I would think counties would be outraged. Check with your regions to see what their response is.~~

Division 3 - Calls for convening a stakeholder group to make recommendations relating to the delivery of, access to, and coordination and continuity of MH and Disability services for individuals with complex MH disability and substance use disorders– with a report due by 12-1-17.

Division 4 - Psychiatric bed tracking system is mandatory for all hospitals and MHI's – expanded to include reporting of co-occurring beds available. DHS to do quarterly reports to report who is and who isn't in compliance.

**House Floor and Senate Floor - HF 215 and SSB 1043 – Autism Treatment Coverage** – *requires private insurers to cover autism treatments \$36,000/year – under 6, \$25,000/year for next age group, \$12,500/year for teens*

**House Floor HF 234 – Mental Health Advocate Reporting** - *Allows a county-appointed mental health advocate to file reports only when the advocate feels a report is necessary or required by the court.*

**Senate Floor SF 75 - Mental Health Information Disclosure** - *Allows a mental health professional to disclose mental health information (without written or oral consent of the person) to a federal/tribal/state/local police officer, DNR peace officer, parole/probation officer, county attorney/assistant attorney, or jailer if it will prevent a serious and imminent threat to the health and safety of the individual or others.*

**House Floor HF 319 – Mental Health Professional Authorized Actions** (sponsored by IA Hosp Assn) - *Allows mental health professionals to perform examinations, treat and prescribe treatment or medication, and submit written statements and reports as required or ordered by a court in accordance with certain voluntary and involuntary hospitalization and commitment proceedings for persons with a substance-related disorder or serious mental illness. Allows examination of a person when it appears that the person should be immediately detained due to a serious mental impairment or when necessary to preserve the person's life or appropriately control the person's behavior if physical injury to the person or others is likely. Excludes mental health professionals from civil or criminal liability for the professional's role in admitting a person to a facility or hospital or providing treatment to a person.*

**Senate Floor SR 4 and SR 7 - Care Facility for Geriatric Sex Offenders** - *Establishes an interim legislative committee to study the creation of a facility to care for geriatric persons who are registered on the sex offender registry or who are sexually aggressive.*

## Other Bills

**House Floor - HSB 37 – Health Coverage for Dependents** - *Allows dependents to continue to be covered by their parent's health insurance until they turn 26. Effective upon enactment.*

**Senate floor and House floor - SSB 1163 and HF 516 Secretary of State's Election Integrity Bill**

**HF 386 Jackie's Law** - *Would allow aggressive or hard to treat individuals to obtain a waiver for long term care in a subacute facility and in other cases - if a person relapses because they are not following treatment plan, they can be picked up and hospitalized (not put in jail). **Sent emails to HR committee to set up subcommittee 2/25 – Moore, Bergan and Heddens Subcommittee has not met***

**Died SF 223 and HF 417 – Home Modification grants** - *Creates a home modification grant program for homeowners who are at least 65 years old, and who have a disability or a progressive chronic condition that requires home modifications. Each grant may not exceed \$5,000. Appropriates \$6 million for the program to be administered by the Iowa Finance Authority. **Sent email to Ag subcommittee and chair 2/25 Senate Subcommittee has not met - House Subcommittee never designated.***